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1. DURING O'LEARY DELEGATION VISIT IN DECEMBER (AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL AND SUBSEQUENT DOE TRIP REPORT), NEPOROZHNIY OF MINPOWER REFERRED TO CREATION OF NEW MINISTRY OF CONSERVATION AND NEW SOVIET CONSERVATION PLAN. IF TRUE, THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN SOVIET ENERGY SITUATION. REPORTING OF ANY DISCUSSION BY SOVIET OFFICIALS OF NEW MINISTRY -- INCLUDING REASON FOR ITS FORMATION, ITS TOP PERSONNEL, AND THE SCOPE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES -- WOULD BE USEFUL.

2. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY ELABORATION BY SOVIET ENERGY OFFICIALS ON ORUDZH V STATEMENT (REPORTED REFTEL)
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THAT GAS PRODUCTION MIGHT PEAK IN 1980'S. ARE SOVIETS MORE CONCERNED THAN PREVIOUSLY ABOUT PRODUCTION PROBLEMS AT OLDER EUROPEAN USSR GAS FIELDS AND IN WESTERN SIBERIA? IF SO, WHY?

3. FINALLY, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON (AND SECOND) A COMMENDATION FROM OER ON THE EMBASSY'S TIMELY AND PER-

CEPTIVE REPORTING ON SOVIET ENERGY TOPICS. IT HAS BEEN
MOST USEFUL. VANCE

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